

Biographies

of Those Attaining National Recognition

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Marvel Murdock
Building Chairman



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Cheer and Entertainment



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Ida Watkins
Relics Committee

Members of the book committee who had the responsibility for publishing this county history book, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."



Emma Wherritt
Heber, Chairman



Lethe Tatge
Midway



Ida Watkins
Heber



Hazel Giles
Center Creek



Lizzie Buell
Heber



Annie Rasband
Heber



LaVern Fisher
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Lorraine Wright
Charleston



Alice Graham
Wallsburg

The 1958 Wasatch County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Board who conceived the idea and promoted the publishing of this county history book, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."



Lethe C. Tatge
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Chorister



Ethel Watson
Organist



Lorraine Wright
Chaplain



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Registrar

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Helena Roberts-Murri, Second Soprano



Gladys McMullin Davis, Soprano

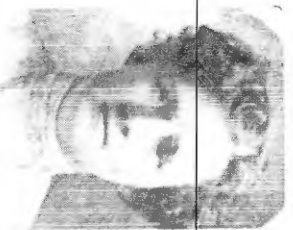


Donna Murdock Montgomery, First Alto

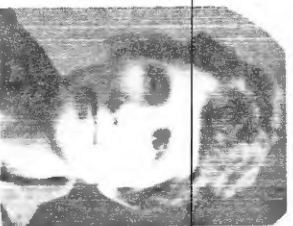


Maybell McMullin Moulton, Second Alto

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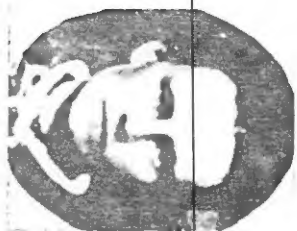
The group practiced every Wednesday evening and spent many hours in rehearsals and performances. After a year's time many of the original members had found it necessary to drop out and Mrs. Hoover, the director, had moved away.

In January, 1937, the remaining group of 13 women reorganized as a chorus separate from the Relief Society and became known as the Adeline Chorus in honor of their new leader, Adeline Fortie. Ethel Watson became the accompanist. Later Mrs. Fortie moved away and Emma Smith became the conductor.

This group performed in many ward and stake functions in the valley and furnished programs in many other areas. They were popular performers at receptions, birthday tributes to older people, missionary testimonials and also at funerals. They gave regular concerts and also were invited to sing at the 42nd annual convention of the National Congress of Parent-Teacher Association, held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. They sang at several conventions of the national organization of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, and in November, 1949, participated in the Utah Federation of Music Clubs program.

Members of the chorus have included Jennie Duke, Manila Patter-

Wasatch Stake Primary Association Presidents



Ann Murdoch



Jane Carpenter Giles



Janet M. McMullin



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Nellie C. DeGraff



Anne Jones Smith



Anne M. Rashband



Dove Reese McAffee



Reba Ritchie Price



Faye Coleman McNaughton



Maxine C. Carhle

Wasatch Stake Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association Presidents



Ruth Wooley Hatch



Annie R. Duke



Josephine Cluff Jones
(no picture available)



Eliza Rashband



Clara Clyde



Emily R. Hicken



Jennie W. Broadbent



Thelma O. Wooten

Josephine M. Broadbent



Lola Curry



Rae Barnard

Wasatch Stake Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association Presidents
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Vay H. Allison Hicken



Marion Ryan



Nellie Wright



Nona Babb



Ardeth Young

They served until 1950 when Rae Barnard became president. Her counselors included Mable Smith, Merle Glazier, Vay Allison and Fern Young. Nadine Probst was secretary.

Vay Allison Hicken became president in February of 1953, with Wanda Simmons and Marian Ryan as counselors and Nadine Probst, secretary. In September of 1953 Marian Ryan became president and chose as counselors Priscilla Mendenhall and Nellie Wright. Nadine Probst again was secretary.

In 1954 Nellie Wright was sustained as president and chose Priscilla Mendenhall and Irene Thacker as counselors and Elaine Carlile as secretary.

The present president, Mona Babb, was sustained in 1958. Counselors to her have included Elaine Carlile, Carmen Kohler and Alice Fortie. Secretaries have been De Ann Witt, Elaine Heron and Barbara B. Johnson. Ardeth Young was sustained in October, 1961.

WASATCH STAKE PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

Primaries in the wards of Wasatch Stake were first organized in 1879, just one year after the first Church Primary Association was formed. During September, 1879, Eliza R. Snow and Emmeline B. Wells of the

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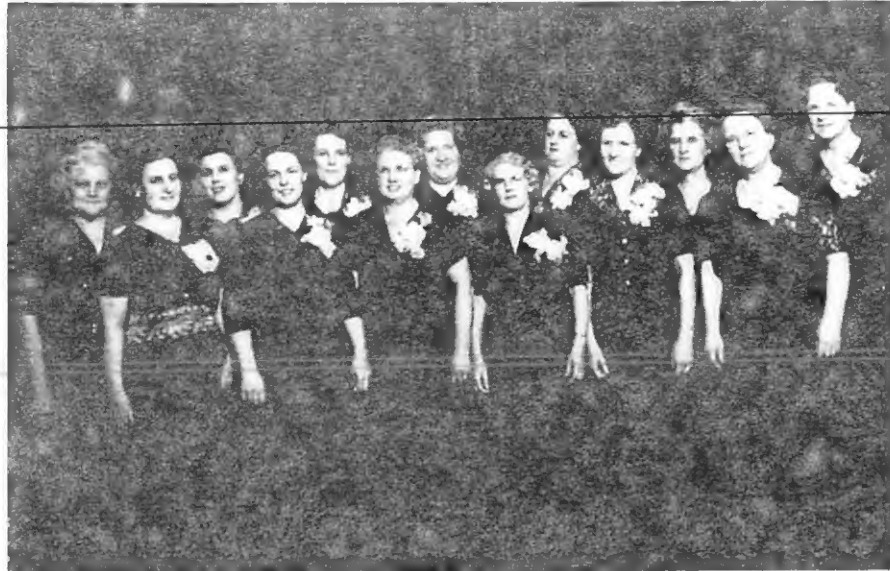
Violet Olpin



Ruth Mae Witt



Mina Giles



The Adeline Chorus, a popular singing group of Wasatch County. Pictured, left to right, are Jennie Duke, Manilla Paterson, Marvel Murdock, Louie Averett, Hazel Hardy, Anna Turner, Ethel Watson, Bertha Murdock, Emma Smith, Venice Watson, Annie Rasband, Maybell Moulton and Florence Hicken.

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Another ladies chorus that has performed at many church and civic functions is the "Choralettes," organized in 1957 by Mrs. Virginia Green. The group began with 15 members and by 1961 had grown to 45 singers. Mrs. Green has continued as director with Yvonne Miller, Diana Witt and Carole Harnden as accompanists and Thelma Wootton, narrator. Officers have been elected each year and have included Marvan Ryan, Clara Gardner and Ruth McGuire, presidents; Nelda Lee, Beva Welch and Merle Davis, vice presidents; Cleo Hiatt, Brenita Averett and Geneal Cutler, secretary-treasurers.

The group presents an annual concert each Spring and has been presenting proceeds of the concerts to Wasatch Stake for a new Stake Tabernacle. A yearly Christmas program is also presented in wards, schools and to private groups.

Still another musical activity in Heber has been a traditional Martial Band. Early settlers in the valley organized a fife and drum corps and

their descendants have kept alive the tradition. Some of the first members includes James Shanks and Elisha Averett, leaders: Joseph M. Smith, A. Y. Duke, Dick Danielson, Lon Smith and Orrin Smith were early members. Robert Duke, Robert McKnight and Will Thacker, snare drummers and John Duke Jr., bass drummer. Descendants of these performers and others have kept the band alive during nearly a century of performing at holiday celebrations and patriotic occasions. More recent members of the group include Lon Smith, Seymour and Sterl Duke, Earl Dayton and Lowell Johnson.

The Heber Brass Band was also organized very early by the early settlers. It was organized with ten members and Thomas Perry who played a piano was the leader. Their pictures, Roger Horrocks, Robert McKnight, Thomas Perry, Alexander Fortie, Fred Clegg, Joseph A. Murdock, Dick Duke and Dr. Glanville, was taken with a pioneer old-folks party group in 1883. This band as the Martial Band was noted for



The Choralettes, popular Wasatch County singing group under the leadership of Virginia Green. First row, left to right, Clara Gardner, Marilyn Rounds, Margie Lewis, Honna Lee Seiter, Nelda Lee, Merle Rasband, Florence Anderson, Lois Fry, Second Row, Lynetta Clyde, Virginia Green, conductor, Maryan Ryan, Roberta Overn, Happy Row, Berneta Averett, Alene Giles, Cleo Hiatt, Carole Hornden, Beva Welch, Helen Turner, Mildred David. Third row, Deanna Witt, Janet Basset, Geneal Cutler, Jean Mackley, Donna Hilton, Mary Mahoney, Janice Carlile, Florence Hiatt, Stella Lewis, Norma Fitzgerald, Joyce Duke and Merle Davis. Members not pictured include Yvonne Miller, Ruth McGuire, Pearl Edwards, Maxine Carlile, Donna Dayton, Barbara McDonald, Orma Walengren, Joyce Maxfield, Margie Provost, Marva Farrell, Mary Bethers, Nellie Hatch and Elsie Pendleton.



Mabel L. Anderson
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Joseph⁸⁰ T. Bush Murdock

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JAMES CLARK SELLERS



James Clark Sellers, another of Utah's distinguished sons, was born in a log cabin in Center Creek.

The fifth of six stalwart sons born to pioneers Archibald and Elizabeth Buys Sellers, Jimmy Clark began his formal education in Center Creek's one-room schoolhouse which also served as a place of worship on Sunday. As a small boy he herded cows and performed other chores on his parents' farm.

In 1901 the family moved to Heber. The following year Father Sellers died.

After completing the grammar grades, Jim entered high school in a little rock building which the students christened "Sleepy Hollow." During the summertime he worked in the sugar beet and hay fields, and helped care for the family vegetable garden.

At that time there was no school in Heber beyond the first year of high school. So that they might have the advantage of additional schooling, Mother Sellers moved to Salt Lake City, taking James and his younger brother, Hugh, with her. In Salt Lake James attended Business College in what was then called the LDS University. As there were other boys in the same class named James, the teachers dropped his first name and called him Clark, which given name he has used ever since.

Before Clark finished the business course in day school, it became necessary for him to help sustain the home financially. He found a job as delivery boy and salesman for the Ben Davis Shoe Store on South Main Street in Salt Lake City. Meantime he continued his business college studies at LDS University night school. As a result of this schooling he obtained a position as secretary and shipping clerk for Anchor Packing Company located at the corner of West Temple and Second South Streets.

Next, in the hope of earning additional sorely-needed money, Clark became a traveling grocery salesman. But neither the increased income nor the nature of the business, satisfied his compelling, ever-present urge to devote his efforts to something that would enable him to create a niche for himself in some important field of personal service.

By 1914 through careful management and rigid self-denial, Clark succeeded in saving enough money to purchase an interest in the Revelare Secret Service operated by Luke S. May, one of America's most eminent criminologists. Thus this determined young man was launched on the career that was to bring him world-wide recognition.

Under Mr. May, Clark studied the identification of handwriting, typewriting, paper

and inks, as well as the classification and identification of fingerprints, and the identification of bullets fired through a specific gun.

Although scientific identification was then only in its infancy, Sellers was quick to realize the tremendous opportunity it provided him for reaching his goal. He became completely absorbed in this new-found field, studying long and industriously. Hours meant nothing to him so long as he was making progress in what he was now convinced was his life's work.

After a time Mr. May established a branch office in Pocatello, Idaho, and Clark eventually became its manager.

Meantime World War I was raging in Europe, and eventually the United States was drawn into it. Clark, like so many other young men, was at once ready and eager to serve his country in any needed capacity. When he enlisted in 1917 he hoped he would be placed in the Intelligence Unit, but that did not materialize. However, his knowledge in the field of ballistics resulted in his being made an aerial machine gun instructor.

When the war ended Sellers returned to the work of his choice. In order to increase his opportunities he soon decided that the great city of Seattle offered a challenging avenue for expansion and in 1919 he opened a branch office in Seattle where he continued his work and studies. However, new and larger fields beckoned, and in 1924 he withdrew from his cordial relationship with Mr. May of almost ten years with establishing his own office as an identification expert in Los Angeles.

Sellers was convinced that in order for him to become more highly specialized it was necessary to limit his field of endeavor, hence for more than 30 years now he has concentrated exclusively on the subject of questioned documents in civil and criminal cases.

As stated in the noted publication *Who's Who In America* (James) Clark Sellers, Examiner of Questioned Documents, is widely recognized for methods he originated or developed for the proof of facts in courts concerning the authenticity of handwriting, typewriting, paper and inks.

His Los Angeles office and laboratory is equipped with the latest scientific equipment for a most exhaustive examination of disputed documents.

He has been retained to examine important document problems for the FBI, Internal Revenue, Postal Department, district attorneys, banks, business concerns and lawyers from more than thirty-five states in the U.S. as well as from certain foreign countries.

Clark has been a key witness in many of this country's greatest trials during the past forty years. He identified Bruno Richard Hauptmann in New Jersey through his handwriting as the person who wrote the letters demanding ransom for the return of the Lindbergh baby. Likewise he identified "the Fox," William Edward Hickman, in California, as the writer of the letter demanding ransom for the return of kidnaped little Marion Parker. He identified L. Ewing Scott, also in California, as having forged his wife's name to various documents by which he got her riches into his hands after she had mysteriously disappeared, never to be found or heard from again. Winnie Ruth Judd, after she murdered two women in Arizona, wrote a letter to her ex-husband confessing the crimes. She did not sign the letter but tore it up and threw it in a store toilet. Miraculously the letter was recovered and Sellers identified her as the writer. Each of these persons was convicted and in each case the handwriting was crucial evidence.

In Texas the ownership of a rich oil field hung in the balance until Sellers proved that various documents produced by false claimants were forgeries. In one instance he proved that the wording on a tombstone had been fabricated in an attempt to establish that the original owner of the land was a forebear of the claimant. In Providence, Rhode Island, he exposed a promissory note for one million dollars as being spurious.

At the beginning of World War II Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, one of the nation's great industrialists, held numerous government key war contracts. Communist leaders of the employees' Union attempted to prevent the completion of these vital contracts by staging a strike. Sellers proved that the vote calling the strike had been "rigged" by stuffing the ballot box with forged ballots. He established this fact conclusively even though the ballots bore only a pencil cross mark. The result was that the men returned to work, the war contracts were completed, and the head of the Union went to prison.

These are but a few of the many celebrated cases in which Sellers' opinion has been sought either as to the genuineness of the document involved, or as to the identity of the writer.

He is the author of numerous published articles, and has written chapters in certain books on the general subject of questioned documents. Despite the pressing demands on his professional time, Clark nevertheless has taken a very active part in the leadership of various public organizations. He has served as President of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, as President of the Southern California Academy of Criminology and as Vice President for California of the International Association for Identification. He has been President of the Los Angeles Kiwanis Club, Lieutenant Governor of Division One of the California-Nevada District of Kiwanis International, and President of the Service Clubs Counsel, comprising the presidents of all of the Service Clubs in the City of Los Angeles. He has also served his American Legion Post as its Commander.

Clark has been further honored by being elected a Fellow of the International Institute of Arts and Letters with headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland, as well as a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. The College of Handwriting Experts of Buenos Aires, Argentina, elected him an Honorary Member, as did also the Police Experts Association of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Clark has two world-wide projects in the process of accomplishment. The first of these precipitated his extensive tour in 1959 when he visited document examiners around the world, urging them to form associations for the purpose of interchanging information and ideas. By this means he hopes not only

to raise the standards of questioned document examiners everywhere but at the same time to promote a better understanding among peoples.

His second project deals with the establishment of a course of training for document examiners in a leading university in this country, which students from all over the world may attend.

In 1922 James Clark married the beautiful Jeanette Daniels of Pocatello, who was a loyal, devoted wife and a constant inspiration until her death in 1954. Subsequently he married his boyhood sweetheart, the charming, talented and ever helpful Frances Hausler, whom he had first met in Salt Lake City. Boon companions, they have traveled happily together throughout the United States, Canada, and numerous foreign countries. Their home is in San Marino, California, a delightful residential suburb of Los Angeles.

Jimmy Clark is tremendously proud of his eighty-four year old brother, John J. Sellers of Heber, who despite his age continues to work regularly as a Rawleigh Company dealer. He is equally proud of his other living brother Hugh, a long-time resident at Oxnard, California, where Hugh became a civic leader and also established a remarkable record as manager of the J. C. Penney store. His beloved brothers Archie, Will, and George have all passed away.

Perhaps the most widely known man in his field in the world today, James Clark Sellers attributes a large measure of his success to his fortunate heritage and the soundness of his upbringing. And he makes no secret of his deep-seated pride in being a native son of beautiful Heber Valley and the great State of Utah.

ARTHUR V. WATKINS



In the field of public affairs, a native son of Wasatch County has stamped his name, his foresight and his firm character upon the pages of history and upon future resource development in the state of Utah.

He is Arthur Vivian Watkins—lawyer, judge, editor, distinguished U.S. Senator, churchman and statesman. In a lifetime of public service he has been the confidant of presidents, jurists, ambassadors and other high government officials at home and abroad. He has been the recipient of some of the highest honors a state and nation can bestow, but he has remained a simple, humble, straightforward man of the people who has brought praise and goodwill for his state and church wherever he has ventured.

During his two terms in the U.S. Senate he became widely recognized as one of the

most influential members of that body. He will be remembered nationally as a strong moral force who provided leadership in the restoration of respect for the investigating function of the Congress, an institution which Senator Watkins revered and defended as a Constitutional arm of the Federal Government.

In the semi-arid West he will long be known for his contributions to water resource development and the conservation and use of natural resources, an area in which he is recognized as one of the strongest champions in the Congresses of the 1950's. Utah particularly will long remember his efforts in this field because during his terms in the Senate, and as a lawyer before going to Congress, he was an active organizer, legislative draftsman and sponsor

first championship basketball team.

At the end of his Junior year he was called as a missionary for the LDS Church in the Eastern States Mission, serving principally in Newark, N.J., and New York City. Following his mission he completed some of his undergraduate requirements at New York University and began the study of law. He then transferred to Columbia University Law School, from which he was graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1912.

While in New York he met Andrea Rich,

the *Voice of Sharon* and later known as the *Orem-Geneva Times*. The newspaper is still published, but Senator Watkins sold out his interests as publisher shortly after he was elected to Congress.

As a farmer and attorney, he had taken an active interest in irrigation and reclamation. This interest crystallized into an active role in a major Federal reclamation project in the early 1930's, when he was chosen as chairman of a committee to organize Central Utah water users interested in obtaining

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more water for agricultural and community use. Later, he became general counsel and a leading proponent of the Provo River Water Users Association—the sponsoring agent for the successful Provo River (Deer Creek) Reclamation Project, now virtually complete. This project made possible the wartime establishment of the steel industry in Utah County and provided water for the amazing postwar growth of Utah and Salt Lake communities.

Senator Watkins was first elected to the Senate in 1946, when he ran as a Republican candidate in a race which few thought he could win. One of his first major efforts in the Congress was successful sponsorship of the Weber Basin Project, a Reclamation project which has made possible the tremendous population and industrial growth in northern Utah, from Davis County to Brigham City. He also stopped the sale of the Bushnell Army Hospital as surplus, at a fraction of its value, and successfully proposed and secured the establishment of the Intermountain Indian School at Brigham City, one of the most effective single efforts to carry educational benefits to the Navajo people.

During his twelve years of service in Washington, he was a major influence on two key committees—Interior and Judiciary—and a member also of the Joint Economic Committee.

On the Judiciary Committee, he helped conduct scores of hearings on the Communist menace, conducted by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, of which he was a member. He also helped revise our immigration laws and sponsored emergency legislation to admit refugees from countries torn by World War II and from Communist tyranny.

In addition to his activities in water resource developments, he took a prominent part in Indian affairs legislation and in the administration and improvement of mining and public lands laws.

In 1954, even though he was only beginning his second term in the Senate, he was selected as chairman of the Select Committee of the Senate to hear the charges made by fellow Senators against the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin. This was a job which he did not seek, but one which he accepted because of his deep-seated sense of duty, and it is to his credit that

he received nation-wide commendation for his fair, just and firm handling of this semi-judicial proceeding which, the press acknowledged, did much to restore public respect for the Senate and its investigatory procedures.

Senator and Mrs. Watkins are the parents of six children. They are Nedra W. Reese, wife of Thomas W. Reese, Orem fruit-grower; Arthur R. Watkins, Professor of Foreign Languages, Brigham Young University; Don (deceased); Venna W. Swalberg, wife of Carl Swalberg, Salt Lake City businessman; Jeanene W. Scott, wife of Richard Scott, government nuclear scientist, working with Admiral Rickover in Washington, D.C.; and Nina W. Palmer, wife of Dr. Martin Palmer, Oakland, California.

The Senator and Mrs. Watkins make their temporary home in Arlington, Va.

Arthur V. Watkins has also been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Utah. The citation reads:

"In recognition of his civic achievements in community life, as a member of the State Judiciary, as planner, policy maker, and administrator, in the field of water and resource conservation, for service to Utah as United States Senator, as champion of the dignity of that distinguished body; and for special services to the President of the United States at home and abroad, the University of Utah . . . confers upon Arthur Vivian Watkins the degree of Doctor of Laws . . .

Currently (1962) Mr. Watkins is chief commissioner of the Indian Claims Commission in Washington, D.C. He was appointed to this post by President Eisenhower July 1, 1959.

Now in his 75th year, Mr. Watkins is vigorously expediting the work of the commission which has been given the task of adjudicating ancient Indian claims which came into existence prior to 1946, against the federal government. There are over 500 of these claims involving more than a billion dollars yet to be disposed of. The former Senator disavows any intention of staying on the commission until the job is finished, even if he could do so. He has yet the task, he tells his friends, of writing his memoirs for his family and some interested friends and associates.

DAVID J. WILSON



David J. Wilson, United States Judge, was born in Midway, October 27, 1887, a son of James B. and Margaret Powell Wilson. He gained his early education in Midway schools and then attended Brigham Young University where he obtained his B.S. degree.

At Brigham Young University he was an intercollegiate debater, was studentbody president for two years, president of the senior class and valedictorian of his graduating class. He obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree at the University of California in 1919, where he served as a teaching fellow, held the Willard D. Thompson scholarship for two years and served as editor of the California Law Review.

From 1914 to 1916 he headed the English department at the Weber Academy in Ogden. He was admitted to the Utah Bar in 1919 and practiced in Ogden until 1954. He is a member of the Weber County and Utah State Bar Associations, and was Weber

County attorney from 1921 to 1925 and Second District attorney from 1929-1933. He is also a past president of the Weber County Bar, and was a member of the Utah State Bar Commission during 1953-54.

Active in Scouting work, he served as president of the Lake Bonneville Council, Boy Scouts of America and was a member at large on the National BSA Council. He holds the Silver Beaver Scouting Award.

Always active in the LDS Church, he served as a ward and stake Sunday School superintendent, was superintendent of the Weber Stake YMMIA, member of the high council in Mt. Ogden and New York stakes; bishop of the Ogden 12th Ward, member of the Mt. Ogden stake presidency, and now active in Westchester Ward of New York Stake.

He rose to national prominence in political fields. He was Republican chairman of Weber County from 1924-30, chairman of Utah's First Congressional District from

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1922-32; Utah Republican chairman, 1936-44 and a delegate to the party's national conventions in 1932 and 1940. He was Republican candidate for Congress in Utah's First District in 1946 and 1948.

On May 31, 1916 he married Mary Jacobs, who was born Feb. 17, 1896 in Ogden, a daughter of Henry C. and Emma Rigby Jacobs. Mrs. Wilson has been active in Church and civic work, and has been a member of the Relief Society General Board. For eight years she was on the committee of the American Mothers, Inc.

Judge and Mrs. Wilson have five children: Marian (Mrs. O. Meredith Wilson), D. Jay Wilson, practicing attorney; L. Keith Wilson, with the University of Utah, Margaret (Mrs. L. C. Barlow) and Don B., Ogden, Utah, sales executive.

On July 26, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Judge Wilson as judge of the United States Customs Court in New York City. He presently holds this position. With Mrs. Wilson he resides in Riverdale, New York.

WELBY W. YOUNG



Welby W. Young, descendant of pioneers who settled in Midway and Heber in 1859 and 1860, is a son of Wm. G. and Edna Wilson Young. He was born at Heber, then a boom cow town, colorful with cowboys, horse trading Gypsies, Indians with long braided hair and beaded buckskin; and endless herds of sheep and cattle trailing to range and market. From the last of the original pioneers he heard the story of the subduing of the wilderness and was inspired by their vision of building a community that could be approved by their God.

After attending the old Heber Central and North schools he graduated from Wasatch High as salutatorian. He played full-back on Wasatch's first football team and debated for the State High School Championship. At BYU he represented the University as debator and extemporaneous speaker.

Legislature; has been chairman of the committee charged with promotion of additional storage for water for Wasatch and Summit Counties, and is Chairman of Utah Water Control Board.

At the depth of the depression in 1932, he became a dairy farmer. Attempting to solve the economic and marketing problems of farmers, with a few others he helped organize one of America's pioneer bargaining cooperatives. It is now Utah's largest dairy organization, and he has served 25 years as director and now is Vice President. One of the first directors of Utah Dairy Council, he is president of National Dairy Council; President of American Dairy Association of Utah; National Director of A.D.A. During the 12 years he has served on the executive committee, chairman of the research committee, and is chairman of the committee supervising the spending of \$3,000,000 to promote ice cream and milk.

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